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Applicants: Chu, et al.

Application No.: 09/849,870 Group Art Unit: 1452

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Title: THERAPEUTIC AZIDE COMPOUNDS

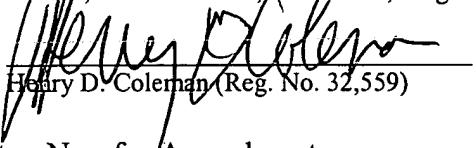
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action issued June 3, 2003. Please amend the application as follows.

**Claim Amendments:**

Cancel claims 2-23 and amend the remaining claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising:
  - a) an azide derivative of a drug, which drug comprises an amino-, carbonyl or hydroxyl moiety, wherein in said azide derivative an azide group occurs at the site of said amino, carbonyl or hydroxyl moiety in place of said moiety, said azide derivative being capable of being converted to said drug in vivo by replacement of said azide group with said amino-, carbonyl or hydroxyl moiety of said drug; and
  - b) a suitable pharmaceutical carrier